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In January 1959 I had a conversation with an ex-wife of Alfred Krupp during which she called my attention to an item in the 8 Jan 59 issue of the Wall Street Journal that reported the purchase of Bochumer Verein, producers of high grade steel and rolled material, by Alfred Krupp. The ex-Mrs Krupp told me that the reported purchase was deceptive because Bochumer Verein had been owned by Alfred Krupp for a long time. Her opinion as to the reason for this subterfuge is that Krupp has chosen this manner of determining the reactions of the WWII allies and the West German Government to the enlargement of his industrial holdings. The Allied-West German Treaty required that the Krupp coal and steel empire be broken up by the end of 1958 but the West German Government did not force Krupp to comply fully with this provision of the treaty.

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